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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA OF MARSHALL GREEN

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1. MARSHALL GREEN FOLLOWED BUSY SCHEDULE WITH FOCUS ON JAVA/BALI FILED VISITS TO GAIN FAMILIARITY WITH INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO EXTEND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FROM SUBREGENCY HEALTH CLINICS INTO VILLAGES AND SUBVILLAGES.

2. FIRST TWO DAYS OF HIS VISIT WERE DEVOTED TO EMBASSY/USAID BRIEFINGS AND VISITS WITH VARIOUS GOI HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNING OFFICIALS.

2. FOLLOWING JAKARTA BRIEFINGS, FILED TRIPS COMMENCED WITH AMBASSDAOR NEWSOM ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR GREEN TO BANDUNG, WEST JAVA TO MEET WEST JAVA GOI FAMILY PLANNING OFFICIALS. AMBASSADORS NEWSOM AND GREEN VISITED A SUBDISTRICT HEALTH CENTER, VILLAGE CONTRACEPTIVE DISTRIBUTORS AND MET WOMEN MEMBERS OF FAMILY PLANNING USER CLUBS. AMBASSADOR GREEN COMPLIMENTED THE GRASS ROOTS COMMUNITY APPROACH OF THE WEST JAVA PROGRAM AND THE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS IN THE AREAS VISITED. UPON RETURNING TO BANDUNG, AMBASSADOR GREEN ADDRESSED A GATHERING OF REGENCY HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM WEST JAVA

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MEETING TO DISCUSS VILLAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST

CYCLE OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES BY NONMEDICAL PERSONNEL.

4. AMBASSADOR GREEN THEN HAD OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE EAST JAVA AND BALI FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS; EACH DIFFERENT FROM THE WEST JAVA PROGRAM WITH THEIR OWN INDIVIDUALISTIC CHARACTERISTICS. IN EAST JAVA, AMBASSADOR GREEN VISITED TWO VILLAGES IN A RURAL REGENCY. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE NUMBERS OF WOMEN USING CONTRACEPTION AND THE FORCE WITH WHICH THE PROGRAM IS PROMOTED BY PROVINCIAL, REGENCY AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

5. IN BALI, AMBASSADOR GREEN VISITED A RURAL MOTHER/CHILD-FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC AND THREE SUBVILLAGES ("BANJARS") IN WHICH ELIGIBLE COUPLES ARE REGISTERED AND MAPPED. CONTRACEPTIVE USERS ARE NOTED IN THE BANJAR REGISTER AND PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN MAPS OF THE BANJAR BY COLOR CODES. BLUE HOUSES FOR IUD USERS, RED HOUSE FOR PILL USERS, ETC. AMBASSADOR GREEN COMMENTED THAT THE BANJAR PROGRAM OF REGISTRATION AND POPULAR INVOLVEMENT WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN WHICH FAMILY PLANNING MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED WAS A MODEL.

6. DURING HIS STAY IN INDONESIA, AMBASSADOR GREEN MET WITH PRESIDENT SHUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, MINISTER OF HEALTH SIWABESSY AND THE GOVERNORS OF EAST JAVA AND BALI. THESE WERE HIGHLY USEFUL MEETINGS IN WHICH AMBASSADOR GREEN CONVEYED HIS FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF THE INDONESIAN FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM. NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING COORDINATING BOARD (BKKBN) OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED WITH THIS POSITIVE REPORTING BY AMBASSADOR GREEN. DETAILS ON AMBASSADOR'S GREEN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SHUHARTO ARE CONTAINED IN RETEL.

7. AMBASSADOR GREEN WAS INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS IN BANDUNG AND HAD PRESS CONFERENCES IN SURABAYA AND JAKARTA WHICH WERE WELL ATTENDED AND HIS REMARKS WELL RECEIVED WITH FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS BY REPORTERS. HIS ACTIVITIES WERE NOTED IN ELEVEN DIFFERENT NEWSPAPERS, REFLECTING THE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN HIS VISIT.

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8. IN SUMMARY, AMBASSADOR GREEN FOUND THE INDONESIAN FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM A CONFIRMATION OF HIS OWN INTUITION THAT SUCH PROGRAMS MUST EXTEND BEYOND FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS INTO COMMUNITY LIFE. HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE VARIATION IN APPROACHES AMONG THE PROVINCES IN DEVELOPING COMMUNITY FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS, APPLAUDING THE PROVINCIAL NUANCES OF THE WEST JAVA, EAST JAVA, AND BALI PROGRAMS. HE WAS

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO FIND THAT IN SOME VILLAGES
FAMILY PLANNING WAS THE LEAD GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WITH
FAMILY PLANNING ACCEPTOR GROUPS PIONEERING IN ENBRACING
OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COOKING, SEWING,
NUTRITION, ETC. AMBASSADOR GREEN APPRECIATED USAID'S
FLEXIBLE POLICY OF SUPPORT IN ENCOURAGING AND STIMU-
LATING THE BKKN TO EXTEND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
INTO THE COMMUNITY.

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